

# WAR PROFITS TAX ASSET AT 80 PER CENT.

House Committee Accepts Treasury's Suggestion, but Changes Deductions.

FIXES 8 TO 12 PER CENT.

Votes to Permit Payment of Income Levy in Three Installments.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The Ways and Means Committee has accepted fully the Treasury Department plan for the imposition of a war profits tax of 80 per cent. The only remaining difficulty is in straightening out some of the details.

The Treasury plan for a war profits tax, published exclusively in *The Sun* Tuesday, it was provided that the general average earnings of various kinds of business in eight classifications would be the basis of how much should be allowed for ordinary earnings before the 80 per cent. tax on the balance. This did not meet the full approval of the committee and only three classifications are desired.

The Treasury suggested that within those classifications the greatest percentage of profits in relation to capital be allowed should be 12 per cent, and the least 8 per cent. This varying scale the committee does not altogether like either. Instead the Treasury suggested that the Treasury should be allowed the following plan, which has been sent to the Secretary of the Treasury for his approval:

Classification of business in three classes as:

1. Mining and businesses generally where the hazard of loss is great.  
2. Miscellaneous, including all sorts of business except those classed in 1 and 3.  
3. Financial.

The deduction from net income which would be allowed before imposing the 80 per cent. tax on the rest of the income in class 1 would be 12 per cent, and in class 2 would be 10 per cent, and in class 3 would be 8 per cent. Final action on this plan will not be taken by the committee until it hears from Secretary McAdoo.

Income Tax on Installments.

Important changes were made in the bill today, one of them at the suggestion of the Treasury. This was to change the provisions for installment payments of income taxes. The new plan is to require a payment of one-third of the tax when the return is made, one-third within two months after this, and one-third two months later, with no deduction for payment of the tax in full when the return is made.

The most important change in the bill and one which may not remain in the bill was establishing a differential between earned and unearned income in regard to the income tax. The present normal tax of 10 per cent, with the exemptions and the abatement agreed upon, in force in respect to earned income, but the normal tax on unearned income was increased to 12 per cent.

The vote in the committee on this motion was very close. The exact vote was not made public, but it is understood that some effort will be made to repeal this provision.

In defining what should be taxed as unearned income the committee included interest, royalties and similar income, but for some reason unexplained provided for installment payments of stock and not common stock should be classed as unearned income. (The member reserved the right to make a motion that the House should have common stock dividends included.)

**\$7,500,000 More for Tax Collectors.**  
The committee accepted to the request of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and provided \$7,500,000 a year, an increase of \$1,000,000, for the better collection of taxes. It also provided that Commissioner Hopper should have five deputies instead of three.

The committee decided to provide for the names of every one who must make a return, and to require that they be listed at the court house of each county.

In connection with the committee's action today in refusing to make a return, the Treasury suggested for arriving at the proper deduction from net income to be made by the Treasury Department to give business concerns the option of a number of plans under which to figure their deductions. These plans were published in *The Sun* Tuesday.

Following the suggestions of the Treasury Department, Mr. Kitchin said, "I have figured out that the Government should have \$750,000,000 in revenue."

Practically all hope of reporting the loss to the House next week has been given up. It is now expected that the bill will be ready by the following Monday, August 26.

**CERTIFICATES TO PAY TAXES.**

**New Plan Gives Business Men 4 Per Cent. on Advance Payments.**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—To permit business interests to provide in advance of income and profits taxes due next year, the revenue bill now being considered by the House today announced that an individual or corporation indebtedness bearing a rate of interest not exceeding 4 per cent, and acceptable in payment of taxes in 1919, should be given a certificate to pay taxes in 1919.

These certificates will be issued to those who have paid in advance of taxes. Although the precise nature of the certificates will not be determined until the House has acted, it is believed that the certificates will be given to those who have paid in advance of taxes.

In effect, the offering of tax certificates at this time as a means of advance payment of taxes will be a new feature of the revenue bill. It is believed that the certificates will be given to those who have paid in advance of taxes.

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## GERMAN BIRTH RATE DROPS 40 PER CENT.

1,839,000 Children Born in 1913; 1,103,000 in 1916.

The birth rate in Germany for 1916 fell off 40 per cent. from the figure for the year 1913, according to Dr. Charles Green, 28, in 1913 there were 1,839,000 children born in Germany, according to the current issue of the *New York Medical Journal*.

Dr. Cumston's figures are taken from a report secured by the Intelligence Department of the League of Nations Board of Switzerland. Dr. Cumston says in part:

"During the war there has been a heavy fall in the German birth rate. The first three years of the war alone reduced by more than 2,000,000 the number of children who would have been born had peace prevailed. This would add to the infant death rate which has been kept well down, but is 50 per cent. higher than in 1913."

The birth rate, which had risen from 36.1 per 1,000 inhabitants in the decade 1911-15 to 39.1 in the period 1911-15, fell in the succeeding decades to 26.5, 26.1 and 25.1. The rate for the last year of the decade 1911-15 was 30 per 1,000 inhabitants, and the continuation of the fall brought the rate as low as 25.1 in 1916.

In 1916 there were only 1,103,000, a decrease of 40 per cent. as compared with 1913.

**BRITISH BAG FOUR PLANES.**  
Drive Down Five More and Put Two Balloons in Flames.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The official communication dealing with aerial activities reads:

On August 15 the number of combats was four. Four hostile aircraft were destroyed by our airmen and two German observation balloons were shot down in flames. Five hostile machines were driven down out of control. One of our airplanes is missing.

Much reconnaissance work and a good deal of observation for artillery fire were successfully accomplished during the day. The total weight of bombs dropped by us in the course of the twenty-four hours amounted to 15,000 lbs. A number of German aeroplanes were heavily damaged, as well as several of the enemy dumps and railway connections. All our night bombing machines returned safely.

**ARMY TO NEED 50,000 NURSES.**

Majority Must Be Trained for Overseas Service, Gorgas Says.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Fifty thousand women will be needed by July 1 next year to assist in the care of the sick and wounded of the American Army, Surgeon-General Gorgas said today in announcing that young wives with husbands fighting in France would be accepted as hospital assistants.

The vast majority of the 50,000 women must be trained nurses and available for service overseas. To supplement the supply of graduates nurses the army medical department has established the army school of nursing at which physically fit young women between 21 and 35 years will be trained and sent abroad to the front.

Women can be used as hospital assistants of student nurses in the United States.

**SEES "WAR CRAZE" IN U. S.**  
German Journal Warns Tentative They Must Fight On.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 16.—Commenting on the recent interview given by Admiral von Hintze, the German Foreign Secretary, which he laid responsibility for continuation of the war upon the Entente, the *Frankfurter Gazette* says:

"We must continue the hard and bitter struggle for the defence of the fatherland, for our enemies show little inclination for peace, and neither from Lloyd George nor Clemenceau is any readiness for an understanding to be expected."

"The daily increasing influence of America upon the Entente is of still greater importance. Any sign of desire to end the war is understood by the European Allies as counterbalancing the war craze of the United States. In such circumstances there is nothing to be done but to repress all premature hopes and to persevere for the next developments."

**2,950 SOLDIERS NATURALIZED.**

Foreign Born Members of Army Take Oath of Allegiance.

PETERSBURG, Va., Aug. 16.—Two thousand soldiers from Camp Lee took the oath of allegiance as citizens of the United States here today at a public meeting in Central Park.

Louisiana Post, assistant Secretary of Labor, and the ranking officers of the camp, took part in the ceremonies.

**FOCH PRAISES AMERICANS.**

PARIS, Aug. 16.—Marshal Foch has praised the Rev. Charles S. MacFarland, General Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, to commend the American people for their appreciation of their moral and spiritual support.

Mr. MacFarland visited Marshal Foch at his headquarters and during the conversation, the allied Generalissimo was enthusiastic in his praise of American Generals, officers and men. He said their moral and material help had been of tremendous importance.

**CHINA HALTS VATICAN ENVOY.**

Cancels Appointment of Minister on Way to Rome.

PEKING, Aug. 12 (delayed).—The Chinese Government has cancelled the appointment of the Minister to the Vatican and has ordered the Minister, who has reached Rome on his way to Rome, not to proceed.

A despatch from Peking on August 10 said that the Chinese Government had refused to receive Mr. Petrucci, recently arrived from the Vatican, on the ground that he was a personal friend of Admiral von Hintze, German Secretary of Foreign Affairs and former Minister to Peking.

**MORE MINES OFF AUSTRALIA.**

Additional German Ones Found Along the Coast.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Aug. 16.—The finding of additional enemy mines along the Australian coast was announced.

Two enemy mines were reported found and destroyed off North Cape, the Northern extension of New Zealand, June 13. The mines found in Australian waters were laid by a German commerce raider.

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## FORMER REPORTER MISSING IN ACTION

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GERMAN AGAINST KAISER

Former Teuton Soldier Glad His Son Is Fighting in the Allied Army.

Capt. Ferner Blanton Barrett, formerly an *Evening Sun* reporter, is reported missing in action since July 21. He was graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1912 and received from the service two years later, entering newspaper work here.

In 1914 he went to the Mexican border with the Twelfth Regiment. During his border service he was promoted to captain on a first lieutenant's commission.

Upon the outbreak of the war with Germany he went to the Pittsburgh Training Camp and was assigned to the Twelfth Regiment. He left for France with one of the first units. He was born in Georgia and Senator Swanson of Virginia is his uncle.

Capt. Barrett organized the Newspaper Men's Training Corps in which more than 200 of the best known newspaper workers in the city were enrolled. Many members of the organization have been commissioned since the beginning of the war.

**Disowns Former Country.**  
"I am glad my son is fighting for the Allies cause. I once fought for Germany, but I am all against her principles now," said Capt. Barrett.

Capt. Barrett, 125 Elmwood avenue, East Orange, N. J., clenched his fist and emphasized his statement yesterday when commenting on the report that his son William, who fought with the American troops in recent drives, has been missing since July 15.

Young Metz was born in East Orange almost twenty-one years ago. He joined the State Guard in 1914 and saw service in that organization on the Mexican border. When the Guard units were sent North from there and later taken into the Federal service Metz went along. He arrived in France last May and has been missing since his first engagement on the French front.

Grace F. Clark, 675 Madison avenue, whose death from wounds received on the battlefield in France was announced yesterday, was the sister of Metz.

He was well known in New York, although he had not lived here for several years. At the time of his enlistment he was living in New York City, Mo., where he was employed by the Fidelity Casualty Company. He was educated at Middlesex and Harvard, entered one of the training camps and received his commission as captain in the 155th Infantry, which was sent to France.

Lieut. Sam McKee, Jr., son of Sam McKee, 1515 Broadway, New York, is recovering from the effects of a German gas attack. He is recovering from the effects of a German gas attack. He is recovering from the effects of a German gas attack.

He tells his parents that he has been gassed but is doing nicely and wants to get back to the front again. He said that he was in the 155th Infantry, formerly the 155th National Guard, had stepped into the fighting he wrote that on his way to the base hospital he could dream about was charging Germans across a wheat field under a barrage and throwing hand grenades.

"Those devils opposite us," he wrote, "are on the run and whipped, but too good at this game to be anything like us."

Lieut. McKee is 21. He enlisted in 1916 in the First New York Cavalry and served nine months on the Mexican border. He is a graduate of the University of the South, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

At the time he was gassed Lieut. McKee was a battalion intelligence officer in charge of a detail of twenty-four snipers, listening post men and No Man's Land patrols. His regimental colors were captured four days of hot fighting in Apremont Wood.

Two brothers are in the service of the United States. Frank B. McKee, 21, is a member of the 305th Cavalry and John B. McKee is in the navy.

Private Patrick A. Walsh, killed in France, was a member of the 155th Infantry, which led him to believe that he has been killed in France.

Samuel D. Hitch of the machine gun company of the same regiment wrote referring to their son's great misfortune, saying in part:

"I guess you have received the news of your unfortunate son. I found some letters near where he met his great misfortune, and also some pictures of him and his family. He thought it no more than I should do to send on the letters which he had written and addressed."

The Bollohefers have written to the War Department several times, but have received no reply. Private Bollohefer was 26 and sailed for France last April. A brother, William C., is in the Medical Corps.

Andrew Fatscher, private, killed in action, left a taxicab business in Valley Stream and Lyndbrook to enter the army. He called for a friend to take a Catholic mass was sung for him in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Valley Stream, yesterday.

Private James J. Murphy, who enlisted in the Fourth New Jersey Regiment, was severely wounded July 21. His mother is Mrs. Ellen Murphy, 48 Yale avenue, Jersey City.

**Soldier Has Been Rover.**  
Private Andrew J. Wendling, 21, seriously wounded, previous to his enlistment, was a roving soldier. He was a roving soldier. He was a roving soldier.

His father and mother at 2316 Belmont avenue, The Bronx, Young Wendling has been a rover for several years and at the time of his enlistment he was travelling through the Southwest. One day his mother received a letter from him which bore a Mexican postmark.

She opened it and found it was from a soldier who had been in the front. He was a roving soldier. He was a roving soldier. He was a roving soldier.

Mrs. Wendling received a telegram advising her of the boy's injury, but she was not alarmed, as she had an intuition that the wound was not serious. She was a roving soldier. He was a roving soldier. He was a roving soldier.

He had been hit in the foot but was able to move about on crutches. In one corner of the letter was a notation in a strange hand. It read: "Your son is a lovely and brave soldier," and signed "an officer who knows him."

**\$1,000,000 for Catholic Relief.**  
CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—A million dollar endowment, to be used for Catholic relief service was proposed today by Matthew J. W. Smith, editor of the *Denver Catholic Register*, at the eighth annual convention of the Catholic Press Association in session here.

John Leo Maher, Montrealer, has been made a Captain in the United States Army. Maher enlisted in Company H, Fourteenth Cavalry, fifteen years ago. He saw action in the Philippines and with Pershing's forces on the Mexican border and recently was with the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Hill, New York.

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## The Nation's Honor Roll

Killed in action (including 291 at sea)	Reported	Total
Died of wounds	18	3,770
Died of disease	1	1,170
Died of accident and other causes	0	1,546
Wounded in action	70	9,656
Missing in action (including prisoners)	10	1,487
Day's totals	98	18,334

(Corrected according to latest War Department figures.)

Deaths, all causes	Total
Wounded	837
Missing in action (including prisoners)	98
Day's totals	2,760

(Corrected according to latest Marine Corps figures.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The army casualty list today issued in two sections contained a total of ninety-eight names. The Navy Department did not issue a Marine Corps list. The army lists follow:

### ARMY.

#### KILLED IN ACTION.

JOHNSON, P. D., Oshkosh, Wis. Sergeant.  
DIXON, F., Catlettsburg, Ky. Corporal.  
WINTER, E. E., Ames, Ia. Private.

ALLARIE, J. Calumet, Mich. Private.  
GROOME, J. W., Wallace, Mich. Private.  
GATES, J. O., Kalamazoo, Mich. Private.  
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## WILSON IN BOSTON: IS NOT RECOGNIZED

Motors With Party From Manchester and Visits Historic Places.

TOURS BUSIEST SECTIONS

Returns Late at Night Smiling Because Identity Was Not Discovered.

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MANCHESTER, Mass., Aug. 16.—President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson and Colonel and Mrs. E. M. House took an automobile sightseeing trip through Boston to-night unrecognized by the thousands of persons in the busiest streets of the city. The President's machine, followed by two cars containing secret service men, even passed through Newspaper Row undetected.

Taking advantage of a perfect evening, the party motored along the Shore Boulevard through Salem and Lynn, paused to watch the merry-makers at Revere Beach and passed through Chelsea to Boston.

The Italian quarter in the North End was visited and the old Paul Revere house. Then the machines went by Faneuil Hall and the old State House and passed the spot where the Boston massacre occurred. The party rolled leisurely through the narrow, winding thoroughfare of Newspaper Row, observing the crowds with interest and smiling at escaping without being recognized.

From Newspaper Row the nightstewers went up School street by City Hall, City Chapel and the State House and along by the Common and the public garden unnoticed in the long line of limousines. After taking in various sights before night shut in, the party proceeded to the Hotel Marlborough, the dinner guests of Randolph Tucker, son-in-law of Col. House.

The route took them through Cambridge, where President Wilson noted the house where the people seriously with interest the changed aspect of Harvard Square and Harvard University, with its new dormitories for the thousands of naval ensigns and radio students training there.